Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—He belongs to the Vala community.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas North).*—Is there any difference between Valans and Arayans?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—So far as I know the only difference is that one is engaged in deep sea fishing and the other is engaged in backwater fishing.

Beggar problem—Report regarding.

31. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** *(Cranganur).*—With reference to answer to Question 278, dated 19th Meenam 1112, will the Government be pleased to state the progress that has been effected in the matter?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—The ad hoc Committee has just submitted its report. The report is under the consideration of Government.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Will the Hon'ble Member kindly give a copy each of the report to each of the Hon'ble Members of this House?

Mr. President.—It will be published in due course.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Am I to take it that this will be sympathetically considered?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—It will be considered.

Civil Surgeons—English qualifications for.

32. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar** *(Urakam).*—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether they still adhere to the rule requiring English qualifications for Assistant Surgeons for appointment as Civil Surgeons;

(2) if not, when was that rule cancelled and will they be pleased to place a copy of that order on the table?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—

(1) No.

(2) The rule was changed towards the end of 1112. A copy of the order is appended *(Appendix II).*

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